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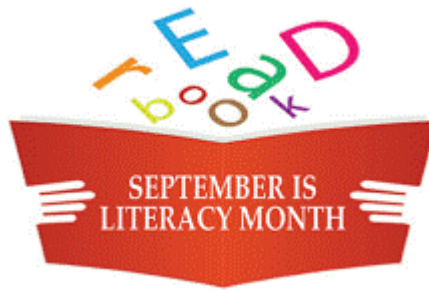
1921-2021

CENTENNIAL Visalia Rotary Club



September 6, 2023, General Meeting

Francie's View with Diane's Pictures



Congratulations

Bob Link
40 year Member Anniversary!

Traveling Rotarians

Liz Wynn returned from an Hawaiian cruise with tuna jerky, pineapple rings, (Yum!) and a shade hat for President Greg!
Thanks!

Judy Gibson visited the Northeast coast and gifted President Greg with Virginia peanuts and Maryland Olde Bay. (Yum squared!)
Thanks!

Happy \$10 Announcements

Liz Wynn congratulated **Diane Hayes**, the Queen of Grants, who wrote two grants while Liz was in Hawaii!
(... and just in time for personnel reviews!
[happy face])



Speakers

September 20, 2023

[Amy King](#)
Tulare County Museum

September 27, 2023

[Jennifer Nicholson Executive Director Riata Ranch Int'l](#)

October 04, 2023

[Lois Henry CEO of San Joaquin Valley Water](#)
SJV Water is an independent, nonprofit news site dedicated to covering water in the San Joaquin Valley. To learn more visit

Club Meeting

Visalia
Meets at Marriott Hotel -
Downtown
300 South Court
Visalia, CA
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Club Leaders



[Greg Hagopian](#)
President



[Marc Mertz](#)
President - Elect



[Mary Jane Jennings](#)
Secretary



[Wayne Yada](#)
Treasurer



[Michael B Brown](#)
Club Director



[Peter M. Cowper](#)
Club Director



[Michael D Damron](#)
Club Director

[Nevin House](#)
Club Director



Stephanie Eiser (sp?) reminded us tickets are limited for TedTalks; Oct 8, 1:30pm at the Icehouse Theater. Buy yours at www.tedxvisalia.com



Frundraiser Date Change!

New date: October 28, 2023 (It was October 14th, but no venues were available.)



Congratulations!!!

Bill & Claire Whitlatch - 55 years!

Pete & Joan Akin - 68 years!!

Program



Tom Collishaw
President and CEO of
Self-Help Enterprises

Housing Crisis in Visalia

Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) manages 16,000 housing units in the San Joaquin Valley. Beyond housing, they also provide emergency services, infrastructure, and contract services. The homeless "point in time" count rose 16% between 2022 and 2023, after having decreased during the two prior years. Nearly half of the homeless live in Visalia (approximately 900, give or take.) Average rents have increased over 50%. It is more expensive to have a homeless person on the streets than in housing because of the resources used, such as police, hospital care, etc. SHE embraces "housing first." It is working to create permanent supportive housing opportunities. That is not just overnight housing but a place to stay permanently. SHE is pursuing new and/or expanded partnerships. Projects in operation include Highland Gardens off Dinuba Blvd, Strawberry Street in North Visalia (6 units), Encina Apartments (5 units), and Eden House, transitional housing with 22 beds for a stay of 6 to 9 months. New projects not yet finished include the Lofts at Fort Visalia (80 units, 40 for low income/homeless), a site west of the sports park, Neighborhood Village in Goshen in partnership with Salt + Light. SHE will furnish the units at Lofts at Fort Visalia. Rents charged are on a sliding scale based on tenant income. Vouchers help residents pay the rent. Annual inspections are conducted and support is provided to teach residents how to care for the units. Tenants cannot endanger themselves or neighbors under threat of eviction (so no gang activity, no drug activity, etc.) Even with so many



Dennis R. Forester
Sergeant-at-Arms



Ron Hellstern
Sergeant-at-Arms



Scott Kevin Jacobsen
iPast President



Scott Ray James II
District Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Richard Wehmuller
September 13th

Sherri K Smith
September 15th

Paul Hurley
September 22nd

B.J. Perch
September 24th

Ralph Bookout
September 26th

Russell R. McKinney
September 26th

Terry L. Culotta
September 30th

Rodney Jones
October 4th

Scott Kevin Jacobsen
October 7th

units being built, many more are needed. How can you help? SHE provides "Welcome Home Kits" to give new residents, formerly homeless, with basics for living with dignity, like sheets, blankets, towels, toilet paper, plates, pots & pans, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, cleaning implements, etc. Each kit costs \$350. SHE welcomes donations to help pay for these kits. (Thank you, Tom, for this information. It is encouraging to see the housing issue tackled!)





Announcements!

October 8 - TedTalks, 1:30 pm, Ice House Theater, limited number of tickets remaining, get your tickets at: www.tedxvisalia.com

October 13 - Creative Center Golf Tournament

October 28 - Speakeasy-Casino Night

October 30 - Riatta Ranch Show, Dinner, and Auction

Rotary Merchandise: SHOW YOUR CLUB SPIRIT! Go to our club website and click on "Merchandise." You can now order quality Rotary Merchandise; our club receives a portion of the proceeds from these sales.

PLEASE BUY SOME STUFF! Go to <https://stores.inksoft.com/rotary/shop/home>
